## **Minutes of the Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman William Caisley, Members Catherine Metsker,

Don Cavallini, Randall Martin and Mark Johnson

Members Absent: Member Carlo Robustelli and Josh Barnett

Other Members Present:

Staff Members Present: Ms. Jessica Woods, First Civil Assistant State's

Attorney, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services

Director; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, County Engineer,

Others Present: Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer; Ms. Laura

Dick, Show Bus

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and presented the May 1, 2018 regular Transportation Committee minutes for approval.

Motion by Johnson/Cavallini to recommend approval of the May 1, 2018 regular Transportation Committee Minutes.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the bills with a prepaid total of \$704,040.32 for review and approval. Mr. Cavallini asked what services are provided by Road Safe Traffic Systems and where they are located. Mr. Stokes indicated that the Road Safe is in Peoria and offers traffic products such as road signs, road tape, barricades or cones and that the County utilizes because there is not a place here in town that offers those products. Mr. Cavallini asked how often the County uses Becker Tree Service and the services they provide. Mr. Stokes said we do not use a tree services often as Highway personnel can usually handle tree removal. He stated that when there is a large job or it is close to a residence, they get quotes and utilize a tree removal service. He stated that this particulate instance involved tree removal near two residences.

Mr. Martin asked about Funks Grove Township expense. Mr. Stokes indicated it was snowplow equipment rental fees. Mr. Stokes indicated that Hanson Custom Farming was for hauling rock as Chaney's Grove Road District started stock piling aggregate for their oil and chip season. Mr. Caisley asked about the 5 Star water company invoice. Mr. Stokes indicates it was for drinking water at the Highway department as they are not on City water but Well water. Mr. Caisley asked about the County Collector bill. Mr. Stokes indicated it was for taxes on the 28 acres they farm of the 40 acres of County owned on Route 9. He

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stated that the tenant farmer reimburses us for these taxes. Mr. Caisley asked about having Nicor Gas and Hicks Gas invoices. Mr. Stokes indicated that Hicks Gas does water softener for the well and Nicor Gas is for buildings.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$171,229.30	\$171,229.30
0120	HIGHWAY		\$149,831.29	\$149,831.29
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$40,795.10	\$40,795.10
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$189,897.81	\$189,897.81
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$19,452.82	\$19,452.82
0502	TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM		\$132,834.00	\$132,834.00
		-	\$704,040.32	\$704,040.32

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Motion by Cavallini/Martin to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$704,040.32. Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley confirmed there were no members of the public to appear before the Committee.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve 2018 Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Application for Show Bus. Mr. Luke Hohulin indicated this is for expansion of the fleet for two mid-capacity vehicles as there are a couple of vehicles in the fleet that will be retired. Mr. Cavallini asked how many buses are currently in the fleet. Mr. Hohulin indicated there are 53 buses. Ms. Metsker asked for clarification on items in the application. Ms. Laura Dick explained that the application contains examples, which makes the application confusing because what looks like part of our application is not. Ms. Metsker asked if we were selecting medium duty because all of our vehicles are medium Ms. Dick indicated Show Bus has different sized vehicles and explained the difference between replacement and expansion. Ms. Metsker asked her to confirm that we are requesting medium duty vehicles. Ms. Dick confirmed. Ms. Metsker asked if information on page 12 was also an example. Ms. Dick confirmed it is an example. Mr. Caisley asked her to confirm vehicles are to expand services or location. Ms. Dick indicated vehicles are not tied to any expansion, but might be used for intercity route between Pontiac and Bloomington/Normal. Mr. Johnson asked where Show Bus operates. Ms. Dick went over the area covered by the McLean County fleet and areas covered by other fleets. Mr. Caisley asked what type of business Show Bus is designated as. Ms. Dick confirmed it is a non-for-profit 503C organization. Ms. Metsker asked her to confirm tax money goes to this organization. Ms. Dick confirmed.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of 2018 Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Application for Show Bus.

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## Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution & Bid Tab for May 30, 2018 Construction Letting. Mr. Caisley asked why there was only one qualified bidder. Mr. Stokes stated he felt it might be due to the location of the project. Mr. Martin asked if the bid was appropriate. Mr. Stokes indicated it was a little higher than estimate but the scope of the project involves removal structure and more than usual amount of dirt, so was not unreasonable. He went over pictures of the project and showed that contractor will have to haul steel and concrete away and then separate the two.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of Resolution & Bid Tab for May 30, 2018 Construction Letting.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, #2 and #3 Dale Road District. Mr. Stokes went over each project. Mr. Caisley asked if they could put the three projects together to get County Bridge participation matching funds or if each of these qualify for matching funds. Mr. Stokes indicated that each project qualifies for 50/50 split. He indicated they do not aggregate projects but consider projects separately. Mr. Johnson asked on culvert #2 project if there had been flooding on that road to require 2 pipes. Mr. Hohulin confirmed there had been flooding on that road. Mr. Johnson asked how cost of two pipes in #2 project is less than cost of one pipe in #3 project. Mr. Hohulin explained #3 project and indicated there is more than just pipe replacement for the water flow. Ms. Metsker asked about #2 project and if this involves drainage district tile or farmer tile. Mr. Stokes stated it is farmer tile in that area. Ms. Metsker asked if land owners and drainage districts work with County when they put in tile so we know about water levels. Mr. Hohulin indicated they encourage them to tile into stream or down flow side of ditch. Mr. Stokes indicated they are aware of drainage tiles as the tile companies and road commissioners have to file for a permit to work in the right of way.

Motion by Martin/Johnson to recommend approval of Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, #2 and #3 Dale Road District.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Stokes went over the new positions hired at the Highway department.

Mr. Stokes indicated the Colfax Road project was nearing completion with paving to be completed next week and completion of sidewalk ramps and shoulder work soon after.

Mr. Stokes presented the Storm Water Education Program 2018 First Quarter Report.

Mr. Caisley asked if they would be having a Field Trip next month. Mr. Stokes mentioned there might be a few more projects in August and the July meeting was the day before the

July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, but indicated Highway Department would work with either. Mr. Caisley and Ms. Metsker indicated they would be gone in August. After further discussion, it was decided that the field trip would be on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting date. There was also discussion about making sure there would be a quorum for the August meeting. Staff indicated they would send out an email to make sure there would be a quorum.

Mr. Schmitt indicated that the City of Bloomington had reached out to the County regarding a resurfacing project on Front Street. He indicated that the County has several buildings in this area and wanted to make sure it was safe for our employees and pedestrians utilizing these facilities. Mr. Schmitt went over the project costs for signals at Front and Center and how the County had been working with City to come up with alternatives. Mr. Schmitt put up pictures of the project and explained what the City was proposing for traffic flow and pedestrian crossing. Mr. Johnson suggested that the City consider flashing lights around stop signs. Mr. Schmitt indicated they had considered that and stated that the pedestrian crossing signs will have flashing lights. Ms. Metsker asked him to confirm that the only reason we are involved is the frontage we have in this area. Mr. Schmitt confirmed, as this is a City project. He stated that both parties continue to build intergovernmental cooperation. Mr. Schmitt went over second part of project at the intersection of Front and Main. Mr. Caisley stated he felt it was good we were working with the City Engineering Department.

Mr. Johnson asked if there had been follow up to the request to limit access road by the Pony Fields before they begin work at Ireland Grove Road. Mr. Stokes indicated they had passed along concerns previously as the project area is under the purview of the City of Bloomington, but would follow up with them to see if anything had been done.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the Transportation Committee at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Morlock

Recording Secretary